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Appendix: Diagram

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1. Ljubljana Airfield (See Appendix for diagram of field)

- (a) The headquarters of an unidentified air division is located on the Ljubljana field with two dependent squadrons. The commander of the division detachment is a Major Naiberghar (or Najberger), a Slovene of Austrian origin. He is a former member of King Peter's Air Force and is about 42 years old. The planes belonging to the detachment were left by a Russian unit which operated in the Balkans during the war.
- (1) The first squadron with 16 YAK-3 planes is commanded by Lt. Babic, a Croat and former pilot in King Peter's Air Force. During the early part of the war he was in Africa with the 351st Squadron which was later transferred to Zemunik. He is about 27 years old. The squadron has a total of 40 NCOs and specialists, some of whom are former German soldiers who were captured in Africa and were later transferred to Tito Partisan Bands.
- (2) The Stormovik squadron with 20 planes is commanded by Croat Captain Radic, who served under King Peter and under Pavelic. During the war he was sent to the Eastern Front with a Croat squadron which had been incorporated into the Luftwaffe. He either deserted to or was captured by the Russians and was repatriated before the end of the war. Most of the pilots in the squadron are Croats and former members of the Pavelic Air Force.
- (b) The radio station is manned by eight NCO operators under the command of a 2nd lieutenant.
- (c) The motor pool contains about ten vehicles, an ambulance, and a fire engine which are driven and serviced by a crew of 60 soldiers.
- (d) The Service Company comprises about 120 men. Its task is to provide a guard detail for the field and to supervise the work done by German PWs.
- (e) There are no anti-aircraft emplacements on or around the field. Several small caliber anti-aircraft guns are stored in the hangars and some of these are placed around the field at night only.

2. The Ljubljana Air Command, located in a building near the Miclus Hotel, is under the command of Slovene Colonel Abramovic, a former pilot in King Peter's Air Force

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and a close friend of General Piro, former Commander-in-Chief of Tito's Air Force. The Command also houses a Russian Military Mission comprising a Major and three other officers.

3. Three new hangars have been built on the Skoplje airfield. Croat Major Vinko commands a Stormovik squadron of the 421st Regiment located at the field.
4. The emergency field at Ribnica is located three kilometers from the city and about 1500 meters left of the Postumia - Ljubljana highway and is under the command of Slovene Major Janko Slave. It is now being used as a glider school which some 60 students are attending. Upon graduating from this course the pilots are sent to the airfield at Zemun.

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